

Bro. Whiston comes to our Island highly recommended, and has exceeded our expectations in the meetings held in Charlottetown and Cross Roads. The Lord bless him in his every effort.

E. N. S.

#### EAST POINT, P. E. I.

The work in this section of the Island is progressing favorably. Since last report two have given themselves to Christ and have been baptized into his name. How it gladdens our hearts to see young people, members of the same family, make a complete surrender of themselves to Christ.

"Youth is the time to serve the Lord."

We intend having our protracted meeting during my next visit, at which time I close my labors in this place. The work here has been very pleasant, and I have never labored with a people more unanimous in spirit, more generous in giving, and more hospitable in their homes. I hope that some suitable man will be found to take up the work.

A. N. S.

#### MONTAGUE, P. E. I.

There have been two confessions since we last reported from this church. Our congregations are better since the good roads and fine weather came. The Sunday school is doing fairly well. Tomorrow (18 June) we shall have our Children's Day exercise. We have prepared the exercises according to the copy sent us. I trust it will be a success.

I have nothing more of importance, except that we expect that Bro. R. F. Whiston to be with us to help out in a series of meetings next week.

R. W. S.

#### SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

The Church of Christ at Summerside, P. E. I., was organized about forty years ago. Being few in number and of small means, a hall was fitted up and secured for use for four years, until a lot could be purchased and a house built. These being done, the church has since met in its own house, which was soon free from debt.

The wear and change of a third of a century have rendered what was then a suitable house in a new town rather a menace to the cause now, and the church, though still small, heroically resolved to so enlarge and remodel it as to make it nearly, if not quite equal, to a new building. This has been accomplished in a few months, and it (D.V.) will be opened on the second Lord's day of July, at the meeting of the Association.

Collections will be taken on that day in aid of the building fund. We are persuaded that many, with us, will be glad of this opportunity to deny self in order so assist brethren who are struggling to advance the cause of Christ in their midst. This church has never appealed to other churches or societies for help, but will gratefully accept whatever brethren and friends offer to relieve this house of debt.

This church is still small, with sides both brilliant and dark. The population around who are religiously inclined, are more or less attached to particular denominations, and their zeal for their respective churches and what they consider the "religion of their parents," prevents their examination of the plea of the Disciples. The highest ambition of many is to know as much and be as good as their parents, and whatever would seem to hint the possibility of their parents being wrong is regarded with abhorrence.

Another serious hindrance to the growth of this church is the removal of its members to other countries. This has been so extraordinary in the last decade as to threaten the very existence of the church at Summerside.

On the other side is much to encourage and cause thanksgiving unto God. In general the

members remain firm in the faith till death, and when called away give the best evidence of dying in the Lord. Those who remove to other countries labor to advance the cause of Christ where they go. Some of those to-day in the United States, who are prominent leaders in the great work of spreading the gospel among the nations, were brought into the fold in Summerside.

It is noble—it is heavenly—to be fully satisfied with Christ and with the truth as it is in Jesus, and to spend and be spent in making known that truth to all nations for the obedience of the faith. Brethren, come to our Annual, and be sure that before coming, and on the way, you plead with our Heavenly Father to advance his cause, and especially to bless our meeting.

#### CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

##### CENTRAL CHURCH.

The protracted meeting held by Bro. Whiston has been a great help to this church. The meetings, which were full of interest, were well attended throughout. Our position and our plea were ably presented, and much interest was manifested by those who attended.

We feel that we are working against great disadvantages in not having a church building, and a movement is now on foot to secure a church home, which we hope will soon take definite shape. We want to go ahead. The fields are white unto the harvest, and we want to share in the gathering.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson has accepted our call to become pastor, and Bro. Whiston will preach for us Sundays until Bro. Stevenson settles in Charlottetown. We are hoping great things, and the prospects were never brighter.

H. W.

#### RAT PORTAGE, ONT.

The good work here continues. We have some discouragements, but on the whole the lookout is hopeful. Since the report in the May CHRISTIAN we have had two confessions and three baptisms.

We have just organized a Christian Endeavor Society.

Bro. Hester is at present in Portage La Prairie attending the first convention of this District of Manitoba. I will try to obtain a short account of it for next month's CHRISTIAN.

"Brethren pray for us."

O. B. STOCKFORD.

#### Married.

COATES-STOCKFORD.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on June 7th, 1899, by Henry W. Stewart, Albert E. Coates and Bertha, only daughter of Isaac T. Stockford, all of St. John.

PATTERSON-GALE.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on June 21st, 1899, by Henry W. Stewart, Frederick R. Patterson and Bessie May Gale, both of St. John.

#### Died.

KENNEDY.—With sadness we refer to the trouble which has come to the home of Sister Margaret Kennedy, of Charlottetown, in the death of her two brothers, Charles and John Kennedy, who died—Charles on the 2nd day of February and John on the 31st day of May, 1899. The deceased were natives of Edinburgh, but, while they were yet young, the family came to P. E. Island, where in and near Charlottetown those brothers lived and died respected members of society. Charles had reached the age of 68 years, and John the ripe age of 80 years. Both suffered long before they died, Charles having borne intense pain for months with what seemed almost more than Christian patience, no murmur nor complaint having been known to pass his lips during all the weary days and nights of pain. His life was upright, pure and true, having the respect and confidence of all who had an intimate acquaintance with him, or business relations, and although he had never made a public profession of religion, or attached himself to any of the religious denominations (the church should ask herself the question: Why do good men stand aloof?) we are assured that he lived as we believe that he died, having great love and reverence for and a desire to help forward all that he believed to be good and true in spiritual as well as in temporal matters, and when the shadows gathered around, leaning on the Almighty arm, he passed into the unseen. Our dear, kind friend is now beyond our reach. He has gone into the presence of the All-Father, and he is more kind, loving and true than we can possibly be. In leaving him there we have no fears. "Shall not the

Judge of all the earth do right?" Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart. Beyond the veil which hides from us the now invisible, we are assured our Heavenly Father has no evil in store for the men who loved God and eschewed evil while passing through the lights and shadows of the few fleeting years of the earth's life. Good night, dear friend, the morning comes. Bro. John Kennedy early in life professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and became a member of the Church of Christ, and in that relation was highly respected by his co-workers. During the later years of his life he was an elder of the church, and frequently, in the absence of a regular preacher, he occupied the platform and spoke for the edification of the brethren. Like his brother Charles, he was charitable beyond the knowledge of his most intimate friends and associates. His heart was touched by and his hand was open to the cry of the needy, and by his bounty many were helped over the hard places of life. He never sounded a trumpet either before or after his good deeds, but his charities lightened many a burden and soothed many a sorrowing heart. He will be greatly missed by the church, which he served so well and helped so substantially, and by many others. His sufferings, before he died, were borne with the patience of the child of God, waiting for the coming rest. His trust and confidence were unwavering. He knew whom he believed, so the coming change had no terrors for him. He looked forward continually, by faith, to the dawning of the brighter day, and so passed into the valley and the shadow knowing that he was not alone. One brother and one sister only of the once large family now remain. All praise to our Heavenly Father for the rich provision made for a dying race, in him who "is the resurrection and the life." O. B. E.

McNEIL.—At Elmsdale, Hants Co., May 26th, 1899, Sister Nellie, beloved wife of Bro. Alfred McNeil, aged 37 years and 5 months. Sister McNeil was born in Milton, Queens Co., N. S. She was a daughter of Bro. and Sister William McDonald, and grand-daughter of the late Elder John McDonald, so well and favorably known by many of the brethren in Nova Scotia. In the departure of this dear sister the cause we plead has lost one of its most earnest and faithful friends. True to her convictions of duty, outside of her family, her first and greatest anxiety was the welfare of her beloved Zion. She loved the church of Christ, and had the courage of her convictions. As wife, mother, daughter and friend, none could be more faithful and true. No matter how humble, her home was always pleasant, because of the beautiful spirit that prevailed there. Those who knew this dear sister will not think me extravagant in anything I may say of her actual worth. From a child she was trained in the Scriptures and in the work of the Lord, and the upbuilding of the cause she loved, and the salvation of precious souls was the one great desire of her heart. The cause of primitive Christianity has lost one of its strongest workers, and the cause we plead, especially in Elmsdale, will feel the loss very keenly. Sister Nellie, as we usually called her, has left a deeply afflicted husband and three children, the oldest of whom is in the church, to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother, and our hearts go out in deepest sympathy for them in this their hour of sore trial. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope. May God comfort and sustain them in our daily prayer. She rests from her labors, but her works will follow her.

E. C. FORD.

McLEAN.—At her home at the Head of Montague, on April 20th, 1899, Sister John McLean, aged 75 years. She was a faithful member of the Christian Church in Montague, and died with the blessed hope of a glorious immortality and eternal life. She left a husband, three sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. One of her sons and two daughters are in the United States.

R. W. S.

DEWAR.—At New Perth, P. E. Island, on May 10th, 1899, Sister Jessie, the beloved wife of Bro. Robert Dewar, aged 65 years. She was a faithful member of the Christian Church at Montague. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ was of first importance with her. She followed him. A devoted wife, an affectionate mother and a kind friend has passed to her reward. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, two sons and four daughters. A great company of people attested to the high esteem in which she was held in the community. When told she had but a short time to live, her answer was: "I am ready."

R. W. S.

McGREGOR.—On May 7th at Lot 43, P. E. Island, Duncan McGregor died at the ripe age of 88 years. His end was peaceful. He was a good father, a loving husband, and an earnest Christian. He bore his illness patiently, and slept away from earth to awaken in the morning of a new life. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." A. N. S.

ANDERSON.—On May 20th, at Little Harbor, at the age of 47 years, Cassie, the beloved daughter of John Anderson, after a lingering illness, passed away from the scenes of earth to the brighter scenes of heaven. She leaves two sisters and an aged father to mourn their loss. A. N. S.

CHENG.—At Boston on May the 23rd ult., at the early age of 21 years, Minnie, the beloved daughter of John Cheng, Red Point, P. E. Island, after only two weeks' illness, fell asleep in the everlasting arms. The remains were brought to the Island, and the funeral service was conducted by the writer. Five years ago she gave herself to Christ, and died in the assurance of eternal life. A father, three sisters and a brother mourn their loss.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us,  
Here thy loss we deeply feel;  
But 'tis God who hath bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.

A. N. S.